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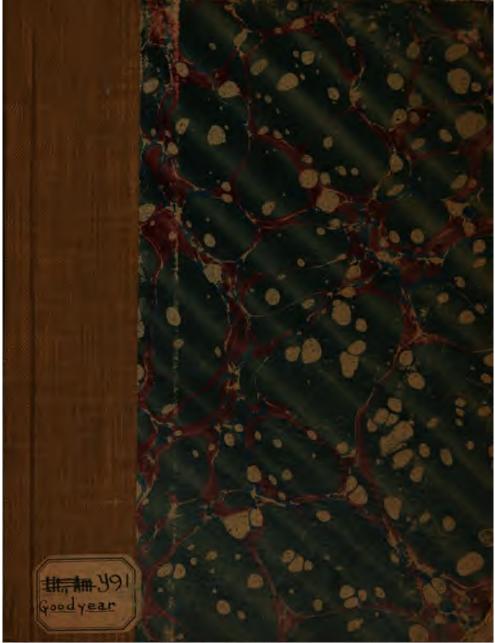
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A HYMN TO THE OMNIPRESENT.

Oh central glory, profound of sacredness,
Essence of purity and love and truth,
Zenith of all height, and depth of the deep of
thought,
The consummation, and the absolute

The consummation, and the absolute,
Sole origin eternal, and preserver,
Alone, and being by Thyself,
Intensity of all that is holy,
And holy because infinite,
Omnipresent, yet solitary,
With neither vanity nor vacancy,
In majesty, sublimity and greatness,
In liberty and self-sufficiency,
Thou art perfection. Therefore peace is Thine,
And rest, and knowledge and contentment—

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Satisfaction, joy and the unchanging ecstasy. Yet Thou art tender, gentle, and full of grace, Throughout Thy nature.

Oh blessed divinity, possessed by Thee!

Justice and judgment, in everlasting consciousness,

And constancy which cannot move,
Mind fathomless and fixed, living,
Side by side with burning love.
Rock and river, sky and flower,
Star and lightning speak of Thee,
The fragile of Thy beauty, and the sublime of
Thy great power.

Thy living creature of Thy wisdom sings, And all creation of Thy matchless understanding, And the powers of reverence and awe and admiration, set in man,

Adore, and indicate that Thou art unsearchable, Seen only by unity with Thee.

(Thus obedience is enjoined, and its reward and consequence

Is vision of the Law-giver.)

Power and might and strength belong to Thee, Exerted in the infinite of self-existence, And the invisibly minute, in Thy creation. And speech is Thine, so wonderful, Perfect only in likeness and oneness. And Thou hast a hidden name, Unknown to those with whom Thou sharest existence.

(Thus Thou art distinct from, though one with, all the good.)

Thou art omniscient and omnipotent,
And complete in lovableness.
How gracious, almighty in Thy love,
Forgetting not one faintest prayer,
Remembering to reward each smallest effort to
obey!

Thou art complete in bliss,

And faithful to Thy promises to bless.

Thou art our Friend, preserving solitude from loneliness, and life from bitterness.

How wonderful! Thou art the Friend of angels and of men.

Eternal and unchangeable and far surpassing all description, .

Yet the very substance and essence of all holy words.

Delight, rest, consolation, tranquillity, mysterious life.

Immortal, infinite, divine.



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